

Student Financial Aid Statistics Quick Reference Guide

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

Organization within the U.S. Department of Education that is focused on collecting and analyzing education data
www.nces.ed.gov

Fast Facts

Compilation of statistical answers to education FAQs
nces.ed.gov/fastfacts

Digest of Education Statistics

Annual compilation of national education statistics covering prekindergarten to graduate school
nces.ed.gov/programs/digest

Condition of Education

Integrated collection of indicators about trends in enrollment, student progress, student achievement and other outcomes, and student and institution characteristics
nces.ed.gov/programs/coe

Surveys and Studies

Baccalaureate and Beyond (B&B) Longitudinal tracking of college seniors nces.ed.gov/surveys/b&b

Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study (BPS) Longitudinal tracking of college freshmen
nces.ed.gov/surveys/bps

Career/Technical Education Statistics (CTES)

Collection of statistics relating to career and technical education
nces.ed.gov/surveys/ctes

High School and Beyond (HS&B)

Longitudinal tracking of high school seniors and sophomores
nces.ed.gov/surveys/hsb

Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System

(IPEDS) Annual data collection from postsecondary institutions nces.ed.gov/ipeds and nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter

National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS)

Quadrennial study of how undergraduate, graduate and professional students paid for postsecondary education
nces.ed.gov/surveys/npsas

Projections of Education Statistics

nces.ed.gov/programs/projections

State Education Data Profiles

nces.ed.gov/programs/stateprofiles

NCES Data Tools

Data Analysis System (DAS)

Tool for generating custom analyses of education statistics
nces.ed.gov/das

PowerStats and QuickStats

Simplified visual interfaces for analyzing education statistics
nces.ed.gov/datalab

Quick Tables & Figures

Tool for finding NCES tables, figures and charts
nces.ed.gov/quicktables

College Navigator

College search tool based on IPEDS data
nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator

Tips on Using the NCES Data Analysis System

Advice on avoiding common problems in crafting the right data queries and correctly interpreting the results
www.finaid.org/educators/ncesdastips.phtml

Excellent Resources on FinAid.org

Cohort Default Rates (CDR)

Compilation of resources about student loan default rates www.finaid.org/cdr

FAFSA Application Statistics

Analysis of U.S. Department of Education statistics about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.finaid.org/fafsastats

GAO Student Aid Policy Papers

U.S. Government Accountability Office student aid analysis www.finaid.org/gao

Student Financial Aid Calculators

www.finaid.org/calculators

Student Loan Debt Clock

www.finaid.org/studentdebtclock

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U.S. Department of Education

Federal Student Aid Data Center (FSA Data Center)

Links to federal student aid statistics, including FAFSA application statistics, cohort default rates, loan volume
www.fsadatacenter.ed.gov

Annual Plans and Reports

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/reports/annual/index.html>

Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

<http://www2.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html>

U.S. Census Bureau

Educational Attainment

www.census.gov/hhes/socdemo/education

Enrollment

www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/school.html

Postsecondary Students, Costs and Financial Aid

www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/sch_cost.html

Statistical Abstract of the United States

www.census.gov/compendia/statab

Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

Earnings by Education

www.bls.gov/cps/earnings.htm#education

Employment and Unemployment by Educational Attainment

www.bls.gov/cps/demographics.htm#education

School Enrollment

www.bls.gov/cps/demographics.htm#enroll

Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

President's Budget

Key data in education appendix and supplemental materials
www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget
www2.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/index.html

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

Electronic Data-Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval (EDGAR)

Securitization prospectuses and quarterly/annual reports for student loans and education lenders
www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

IRS Tax Statistics

www.irs.gov/taxstats/index.html

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance

ACSAFA was established by Congress to advise it on student aid policy. Periodically publishes statistical and policy analyses.
www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/acsfa/edlite-index.html

American Council on Education (ACE)

The American Council on Education (ACE) represents the chief executives of all U.S. accredited, degree-granting institutions

Center for Policy Analysis

www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=CPA

American Institutes for Research (AIR)

www.air.org/focus-area/education

Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE)

www.ashe.ws

Business-Higher Education Forum (BHEF)

Coalition of business, higher education and foundation leaders that proposes solutions to the nation's education challenges
www.bhef.com and www.StrategicEdSolutions.org

Center for Higher Education Policy Analysis (CHEPA)

Goals focused on improving postsecondary education (including outreach, access, retention and student aid)
www.usc.edu/dept/chepa

Center for the Study of Higher Education (CSHE)

Postsecondary education policy research center at Pennsylvania State University
www.ed.psu.edu/educ/cshe

Chronicle of Higher Education

Almanac Issue (Published Last Friday in August)

Annual compilation of education statistics www.chronicle.com – Click on “Facts & Figures”

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College Board

Trends in Student Aid

trends.collegeboard.org/student_aid

Trends in College Pricing

trends.collegeboard.org/college_pricing

Education Pays

trends.collegeboard.org/education_pays

Advocacy & Policy Center

advocacy.collegeboard.org

College Savings Plan Network (CSPN)

529 Plan Data

www.collegesavings.org/529PlanData.aspx

Committee for Education Funding

www.cef.org

Education Policy Institute (EPI)

Independent research and public policy organization with a special emphasis on student access and persistence

www.educationalpolicy.org

www.studentretention.org (Student Retention Microsite)

www.educationalpolicy.org/epss (Student Success Microsite)

Education Sector

Independent think tank focused on education policy, using data and analysis to improve student opportunities and outcomes

www.educationsector.org/issues/higher-education

Education Trust

Organization focused on improving education access, achievement and attainment and on closing gaps for low-income and minority students

www.edtrust.org

www.collegeresults.org (College graduation rates)

Grapevine

Compilation of data about state support of higher education

www.grapevine.ilstu.edu

Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP)

Non-profit public policy and research institute focused on access and success in postsecondary education

www.ihep.org

Lumina Foundation for Education

Independent foundation focused on expanding access and success in postsecondary education www.luminafoundation.org

National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs (NASSGAP)

Annual Survey Reports

Annual surveys of state grant and scholarship programs

www.nassgap.org/viewrepository.aspx?categoryID=3

National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA)

National professional membership organization for college student financial aid personnel

Journal of Student Financial Aid

Peer-reviewed publication of original research and policy analysis concerning postsecondary student financial aid

www.nasfaa.org

Research Projects and Quick Scan Surveys

www.nasfaa.org/Advocacy/Research/Reports/Research.aspx

National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS)

Info. Center for State Higher Ed. Policymaking and Analysis

Collection of state-level higher education data and information, with an emphasis on higher education policy analysis www.higheredinfo.org

National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education

Independent policy-research institute regarding opportunity, affordability and achievement in higher education

www.highereducation.org

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Comparisons of international education statistics

www.oecd.org and stats.oecd.org

Pathways to College Network

Alliance of organizations working on improving college access and success for underserved students

www.pathwaystocollege.net

Postsecondary Connection

State data linking high school preparation with college success

www.postseconnect.org (from [achieve.org](https://www.achievethecore.org))

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Postsecondary Education OPPORTUNITY

Newsletter and web site containing public policy data and analysis concerning educational opportunity in higher education
www.postsecondary.org (subscription required)

Public Agenda

Their Whole Lives Ahead of Them

Some of the reasons why students drop out of college
www.publicagenda.org/theirwholelifesaheadofthem

Education Category

www.publicagenda.org/category/tags/-education

Sallie Mae (SLM)

How America Pays for College

www.salliemae.com/howamericapays

How America Saves for College

www.salliemae.com/howamericasaves

Nellie Mae Credit Card Studies

www.nelliemae.com/library/research.html

State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO)

State Quick Facts

www.sheeo.org/sqf/sqf.htm

State Higher Education Finance (SHEF) – Annual Report

www.sheeo.org/finance/shef-home.htm

State Postsecondary Data Systems

www.sheeo.org/sspds/default.htm

SOAR: SHEEO Online Access to Resources

www.sheeo.org/SOAR2/soar.asp

Survey of State Tuition, Fees and Financial Assistance Policies for Public Colleges and Universities

www.sheeo.org/finance/tuitsurv-home.htm

Student Lending Analytics

Independent research and advisory firm focused on education lending with frequent blog posts about education loans

www.studentlendinganalytics.com/index.html

www.studentlendinganalytics.typepad.com (blog)

The Institute for College Access and Success (TICAS)

Project on Student Debt

State and campus-level student debt data
www.projectonstudentdebt.org

College InSight (formerly EconomicDiversity.org)

Data about affordability, diversity and student success
www.college-insight.org

UCLA Higher Education Research Institute (HERI)

Your First College Year Survey

www.heri.ucla.edu/yfcyoverview.php

College Senior Survey

www.heri.ucla.edu/cssoverview.php

USA Funds

Research and White Papers

www.usafunds.org/community/Pages/Resources.aspx

Washington Higher Education Board

Annual survey of tuition rates for public institutions by state

www.hecb.wa.gov/research/issues/tuition.asp

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

State Policy Inventory Database Online (SPIDO)

www.wiche.edu/node/8690

WICHE Policy and Data Resources

www.wiche.edu/resources/policy/297

Tips for Using the NCES Data Analysis System

The data analysis system (DAS) is an easy-to-use web-based tool for writing and executing data queries. The trick is in crafting the right query and in correctly interpreting the results. Be careful about hidden assumptions in the variables.

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<http://www.finaid.org/educators/ncesdastips.phtml>